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E.O. 11652

TAGS: ETRN, US, SF

SUBJECT: MOOREMACK LINES REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE

1. MOOREMACK LINES REPORTS FOLLOWING PROBLEM ITS VESSEL MOOREMACKLAKE WHICH NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA WATERS. SOUTH AFRICA RAILWAY AND HARBOR AUTHORITY REPORTEDLY REQUIRES VESSELS CARRYING CONTAINERS TO USE SHIP GEAR TO OFFLOAD CONTAINERS AT SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS AND HAS BANNED USE OF DOCKSIDE EQUIPMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE UNDERSTAND THIS RULE APPLIED IN NON-DISCRIMINATORY FASHION AND SHIPPING LINES HAVE LEARNED TO LIVE WITH IT. HOWEVER, MOOREMACKLAKE, WHICH HAS JUST CALLED AT PORT ELIZABETH HAS DAMAGED SHIP BOOM WHICH PREVENTS VESSEL FROM OFFLOADING 21 PORT ELIZABETH DESTINED CONTAINERS STOWED OVER NO.3 HATCH. IN ADDITION NO. 3 HOLD CONTAINS NON-CONTAINER CARGO DESTINED FOR PORT ELIZABETH. VESSEL IS DEPARTING PORT ELIZABETH TODAY (DECEMBER 21) FOR DURBAN WHERE IT WILL UNLOAD CARGO FROM OTHER HOLDS AND PLANS TO RETURN TO

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PORT ELIZABETH EVENING DECEMBER 23.

2. MOOREMACK REQUESTED PORT ELIZABETH PORT AUTHORITIES  
TO WAIVE NON-CONTAINER HANDLING RULE IN VIEW OF EMERGENCY  
PROBLEM, BUT LATTER REPORTEDLY REFUSED. REQUEST  
EMBASSY TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOSA AUTHORITY TO INQUIRE  
WHETHER SOUTH AFRICA RAILWAY AND HARBOR AUTHORITY COULD NOT

WAIVE NON-CONTAINER HANDLING RULE IN THIS ONE INSTANCE.  
IF VESSEL UNABLE TO OFFLOAD SOUTH AFRICA-BOUND CARGO AT  
DURBAN OR PORT ELIZABETH, IT MAY BE REQUIRED TO RETURN  
CARGO TO US. REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY. RUSH

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